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2                   CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Mr. Detlefsen, I have  
3 to ask you to stop at that point and would suggest  
4 that the remainder of your comments will be entered  
5 into the record and made available to all of the  
6 Commissioners.

7                   MR. DETLEFSEN: Thank you.

8                   CHAIRPERSON JAMES: And thank you for  
9 being here.

10                  MR. DETLEFSEN: Thank you, Madame  
11 Chairman.

12                  CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you.  
13 Felicia Grondin.

14                  MS. GRONDIN: Good afternoon, ladies and  
15 gentlemen. My name is Felicia Grondin, and I'm  
16 legislative liaison for the New Jersey Casino Control  
17 Commission.

18                  I would also like to recognize  
19 Commissioner Leanne Brown, who is here with us today,  
20 who's a member of the New Jersey Casino Control  
21 Commission and also a former State Senator.

22                  I want to thank Chairperson Kay James and

1 members of the National Gambling Impact Study  
2 Commission for giving me the opportunity to introduce  
3 myself today and to tell you briefly about how the New  
4 Jersey Casino Control Commission intends to assist you  
5 in regard to the many important gaming issues you've  
6 been charged by statute to study.

7           Under the direction of Bradford S. Smith,  
8 Chairman of the New Jersey Casino Control Commission,  
9 I have been charged with the responsibility of  
10 preparing a comprehensive report for this National  
11 Commission addressing the issues you are examining as  
12 they relate to casino gaming in New Jersey.

13           New Jersey has the most comprehensive  
14 casino regulation in the world. We are responsible  
15 for maintaining the integrity of casino gaming in New  
16 Jersey and with keeping strict control over casino  
17 revenues. We have been and continue to be involved in  
18 all important components of casino gaming.

19           As such, we know well the good and bad  
20 aspects of gaming. Fortunately for New Jersey, the  
21 experience for the most part has been positive, but  
22 there are also negative aspects, and these, too, will

1 be described in the report so that you can gain a  
2 clear understanding of how casino gaming has affected  
3 New Jersey.

4 To compile this report, we've reached out  
5 to the State of New Jersey, the City of Atlantic City,  
6 the County of Atlantic, the Atlantic City Convention  
7 and Visitors Authority, and the Casino Reinvestment  
8 Development Authority, to name a few.

9 All data has been received and is  
10 presently being analyzed and interpreted. We expect  
11 the report to be completed in the fall of this year.

12 And finally, the New Jersey Casino Control  
13 Commission would like very much to host a meeting of  
14 your Commission in Atlantic City. We would like to  
15 show you first hand the type of controls we maintain  
16 over the industry, and you will be able to see for  
17 yourselves the effect casino gaming has had on  
18 Atlantic City.

19 Again, I would like to thank all of you  
20 for providing the New Jersey Casino Control Commission  
21 with the opportunity to speak before you today.

22 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you.

1                   Beverly Martin.

2                   Darrell McGraw.

3                   Hilda -- is it Roman?

4                   MS. ROMAN: Correct.

5                   Good afternoon. My name is Hilda Roman.

6 I work for Bally's Park Place in the Atlantic City  
7 Hilton as a recruitment specialist. Thank you for  
8 giving me the opportunity to address the committee  
9 today on casino gambling.

10                   I would have liked to tell you the  
11 complete story of how 11 members of my family came to  
12 work at Bally's Park Place in the Atlantic City  
13 Hilton. However, three minutes is not enough time to  
14 tell about how the casino industry has helped my  
15 family. So I'll limit it to two family members.

16                   However, I have submitted my written  
17 statement for the record.

18                   My parents have 11 children and 17  
19 grandchildren. My father was the first to be hired at  
20 Bally's Park Place. My father had worked for a  
21 company for ten years before they closed for good. He  
22 then went to work on a farm. However, during the